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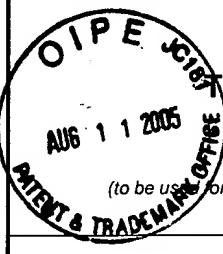
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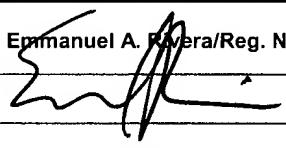
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14 **LETTER REQUESTING TO RESEND OFFICE ACTION**

15 Sir:

16 In a telephone interview with Supervisory Patent Examiner Andrew  
17 Caldwell and Emmanuel Rivera on August 9, 2005, it was discussed that the final  
18 Office Action dated March 31, 2005 has never been received in the mail by the  
19 Applicant. Applicant was only made aware of the Office Action by checking the  
20 status of the application through the USPTO's Patent Application Information  
21 Retrieval (PAIR) system.

22 Prior correspondence from the Office regarding this application had been  
23 received without undue delay or problems at the correspondence address provided  
24 by the Applicant.

1        It was pointed out by SPE Caldwell, that prior to PAIR, if an Office Action  
2 was not received by an Applicant and the correspondence not returned to the  
3 Office, the application would subsequently be abandoned, and Applicant would  
4 have to petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

5        It was agreed by SPE Caldwell and Mr. Rivera that a letter would be sent by  
6 Applicant requesting that the final Office Action be re-mailed and that the time to  
7 reply be restarted. In addition to this letter, Applicant will also provide a showing  
8 to establish nonreceipt of an Office Action as provided under MPEP 711.03(c) I A.

9        In further requirement of MPEP 711.03(c) I A., the undersigned practitioner  
10 “states that the Office communication was not received by the practitioner and  
11 attests to the fact that search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the  
12 Office communication was not received.”

13       Furthermore as required by MPEP 711.03(c) I A., included are copies of the  
14 docket record where the nonreceived Office communication would have been  
15 entered had it been received and docketed are attached as an appendix.

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1      **CONCLUSION**

2      If any issues remain as to re-mailing the Office Action and restarting the  
3      period of reply, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

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5      Dated: 8/11/05

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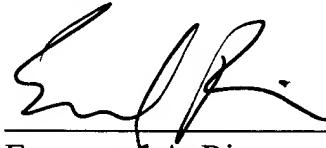
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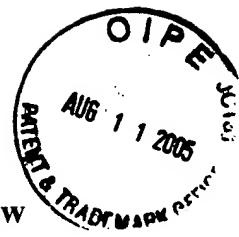
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